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For : **DATA LINK BETWEEN TWO COMPUTERS,
AND METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING DATA
BETWEEN SAID COMPUTERS**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned is hereby providing the Patent Office with the following prior art documents. These documents are also listed on PTO Form 1449.

"Firewall-Systeme", Pohlmann N.; Funkschau, De, Franzis-Verlag K.G. Munchen, vol. 71, no. 17, page 63-67

"ISDN-Firewall Mehr Sicherheit Fuer ISDN-TK Anlagen", G. Hornauer, Net-Zeitschrift Fuer Kommunikationsmanagement, De, Huthig Verlag, Heilderberg, vol. 52, no. 3, page 62-63

"Das neue Fischer Lexikon in Farbe", Band 8 Rauke-Spanien, Fischer Taschenbuch Verlag

"The Internet, from Access to 'Zine", Deborah Mills-Scofield, AT&T Technology, pp. 2-9

German Patent DE 3441724 A1

"Firewalls und Sicherheit im Internet", William R. Cheswick and Steven M. Bellovin; pp. 61-89

The articles authored by Pohlmann and Hornauer were cited in the International Search Report as defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance. A copy of the English language International Search Report is enclosed herewith.

The German reference, as well as the article entitled "Das neue Fischer Lexikon in Farbe", as well as the article authored by Deborah Mills-Scofield were cited in an Examination Report.

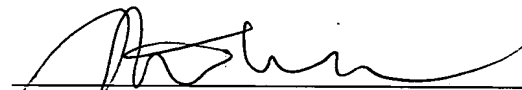
The article entitled "Das neue Fischer Lexikon in Farbe" merely shows the opening of two flood gates as illustrated on page 5339.

The German reference is directed to a system for the prevention of abuse in communications networks. This patent deals with a subscriber device instead of a second computer.

The article authored by Deborah Mills-Scofield, as well as an additional article authored by Cheswick et al merely are directed to the use of firewalls to solve security problems in computer systems.

It is believed that the present invention as claimed is not anticipated or suggested by any of the enclosed prior art.

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